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**QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES #2
PROJECT NO. 050R5800222
Local Telecommunications Access
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Ladies/Gentlemen:

This list of questions and responses is being issued to clarify certain information contained in the above referenced RFP. The statements and interpretations contained in the following answers to questions by potential offerors are not binding to the State, unless the expressly amends the RFP. Nothing in the State's response to these questions is to be construed as agreement to or acceptance by the State of any statement or interpretation on the part of the vendor.

28. Question: Please define: automatic exclusion; fast select and fast select acceptance (assume speed dial?); flow control parameter negotiation; initiated priority calling and originated priority calling.

Answer: Automatic Exclusion – BRI electronic key station feature that prevents another person from hearing or breaking into a conversation and does not require manual intervention.

Fast Select – A calling method that allows the user to send a limited amount of information along with a “call request packet” rather than after the packet.

Fast Select Acceptance (assume speed dial) – X.25 packet feature that is transported over the D channel of a BRI or the B channel of a PRI.

Flow Control Parameter Negotiation - X.25 facility that allows the negotiation of packet and window sizes in both directions of transmission.

Initiated Priority Calling – A feature that provides priority or more important call delivery before other calls.

Originated Priority Calling – A feature that provides priority or more important call delivery before other calls.

29. Question: Please specify the need for delayed and abbreviated ringing.

Answer: There is no current need for delayed and abbreviated ringing. The State will disconnect the remaining BRI station sets on June 15, 2005.

30. Question: Please define the specifics needed on CD billing.

Answer: Please refer to Section 2.13.3

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31. Question: Likewise, please define the requirements of online billing.

Answer: The requirements are the same for paper, CD and online billing.

32. Question: The RFP refers to “packet data on the.....D channel of BRI and PRI business lines”. Packet data can be made available on the D channel of a BRI only; Packet data delivery on PRI’s is a B channel function. Would the State accept a feature description of packet data capabilities as delivered over B channels of PRI’s?

Answer: No, it is not necessary to include a feature description of packet data capabilities as delivered over B channels of PRI’s. Number one (1) applies to BRI’s only.

33. Question: The State desires diverse routing and dual homing, upon request. Neither of these terms is defined in Section 1.2, Abbreviations and Definitions. Will the State please provide a definition of diverse routing and dual-homing?

Answer: Diverse Routing – A means of effecting redundancy in a network, with the result being protection from catastrophic failure. Several cables and/or fiber follow different routes to the central office.

Dual Homing – A means of effecting redundancy in a network with the results being protection from catastrophic failure. Local loops serving the same customer terminate in different central offices.

34. Question: The State stipulates the B channels to be allocated for DID, DOD and other 800 service. What is meant by other 800 service? Are you asking for the ability to have 800 service pointed into the trunk numbers?

Answer: The portion of the sentence that refers to ‘and other 800 service’ will be removed. The State requires DID, DOD and DID/DOD (Call by Call).

35. Question: Section 2.2.3 D-3 thru 6 Service Requirements. These RFP requirements reference ISDN BRI and PRI. These services are not interchangeable and cannot provide the same feature/functionality. Would it be possible for the State to define requirements for each service?

Answer: Currently, the State uses BRI mainly for video conferencing, 2B+D. The State mainly uses PRI for voice trunking capabilities, 23B+D and video conferencing.

36. Question: What types of BRI station sets is the State currently using?

Answer: The State is only aware of one type of BRI set remaining. Those sets are Avaya stations. The sets are scheduled to be disconnected on June 17, 2005.

37. Question: Since the Price Proposal Forms may not be modified, does the State envision a way for an offeror to propose multiple options for a given service? For example, could an offeror propose a Business Line, Network Based Business Lines, ISDN BRI or ISDN PRI to include features plus local usage for a flat monthly price?

Answer: Flat monthly pricing for certain local services is of interest to the State, but we are not changing the price structure at this point.